

REMARKS

Reconsideration and allowance of the subject application is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-5, 15 and 16 have been examined. Claims 44-48 have been added. Claims 1-5, 15-16, and 44-48 are all the claims pending in the application.

Claim objections

Claims 2-5 and 15-16 have been objected to because of informalities with respect to the phrase “said fixing unit”. Applicant has amended claim 1 in order to provide antecedent basis to this phrase, and therefore respectfully requests the Examiner with remove the objection.

Claim rejections -- 35 U.S.C. § 102

Claims 1, 3, and 15 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as allegedly being anticipated by Eichenlaub ‘765, which is previously of record.

Claim 1 recites the feature of a fixing unit a fixing unit which is provided on at least a part of an area enclosing an image display area of said display panel to fix the optical unit and the display panel in line. The Examiner maintains that the hinge 6 of Eichenlaub ‘765 allegedly corresponds to the claimed fixing unit. However, the hinge of Eichenlaub supports a lens rotatably at one side and does not serve to fix the optical unit and display panel in line, as recited by claim 1. Claim 1 is therefore patentable over Eichenlaub ‘765 for this reason.

Claims 3 and 15 are patentable based on their respective dependencies.

Claim rejections -- 35 U.S.C. § 103

Claim 2 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as allegedly being unpatentable over Eichenlaub ‘765. Claim 2 depends from claim 1. As discussed above, Eichenlaub ‘765 does not teach or otherwise disclose the feature of a fixing unit to fix the optical unit and the display panel in line, as recited by claim 1. Claim 2 is therefore patentable based on its dependency.

Claims 4-5 and 16 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as allegedly being unpatentable over Eichenlaub '765 in view of Eichenlaub '345, which is previously of record.

Claims 4-5 and 16 depend from claim 1, which has been shown above to be patentable over Eichenlaub '765. Eichenlaub '345 does not cure the deficiencies of Eichenlaub '765 discussed above. Accordingly, claims 4-5 and 16 are patentable based on their respective dependencies.

New claims

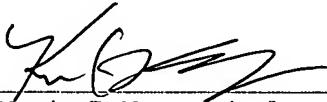
Claims 44-48 have been added. Applicant respectfully submits that claims 44-47 are patentable based on their respective dependencies. Claim 48 recite features similar to claim 1, and therefore is patentable for the same reasons discussed above.

Conclusion

In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

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